

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIM:

Please amend Claims 1-16 as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A printing blanket, comprising a reinforcement layer formed of at least one sheet of fabric, a compressive layer, and

~~a surface rubberlayer laid on said compressive layer through a supporting body, characterized in that wherein~~

~~said compressive layer is separated by a separation layer so as to be divided into two layers of a first compressive layer and second compressive layer,~~

~~so as to absorb normal printing pressure at the first compressive layer and to absorb rapidly applied over-printing pressure at the second compressive layer,~~

~~volume of porosity of said first compressive layer is 0.10 – 0.20 mm while volume of porosity of the entire first and second compressive layers is 0.25 mm or more, and~~

~~hardness thereof is 70JIS-A - 80JIS-D and the thickness thereof is 0.05 mm or more.~~

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The printing blanket according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~

~~said compressive layer divided into two layers is formed such that each has a different amount of an air space.~~

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The printing blaket according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that wherein~~

~~said separation layer is formed by at least one layer of elastomer.~~

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The printing blaket according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that wherein~~

~~said first compressive layer has an air space amount of 0.10-020 mm, and~~

~~the entire part of said first compressive layer and said second compressive layer has an air space amount of 0.25 mm or more~~

~~said separation layer is formed by at least one layer of elastomer.~~

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The printing blanket according to Claim 1 or Claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said compressive layer has a matrix hardness of 50-90 JIS-A.

Claims 6-7 (Canceled)

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The printing blanket according to Claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein ~~said separation layer is formed by one or more layers of elastomer, and~~ wherein said compressive layer has a matrix hardness of 50-90 JIS-A.

Claims 9-16 (Canceled)